St. Albans Meeting Comments from 3/28/00 meeting

How the State Will Use the Authority and Resources of the Safe Drinking Water Act

- Fund and find a mechanism to do assessment for identifying Non-Community Water System (NTNC)

- Fund state labs with some Set-Aside funding to do testing that are being sent out of state now.

- Develop a mentoring program on a geographical regional basis and promote geographical regional owner/operator organizations and training. Promote large system versus small system communication.

- Consider or fund technical assistance for reducing engineering cost to small water system. Consider templates using certain technologies.

- Assist or provide funding for doing sampling for public Non Transient Non-Community water system (NTNC) and public Transient Non-Community water system (TNC) .
- Fund a program to provide templates for technical, operational and financial capacity management. Keep it simple...!

- State wide advertising program to show how good the water is with creative mailouts to the public with some press releases to promote activities.

- Educate the communities/volunteers on funding possibilities and knowing their system operation and what it will cost. Water isn't free!

- Strengthen link between owners/operators and the Water Supply Division.

Baseline information

- Develop a priority plan to assist in funding water system that are complying versus water system that are making no effort for improvements.

- Express concern for using a point system for prioritizing water systems for capacity funding. Not a recommend way to go.

Encourage/Impair

- Promote good communication with chain of command with owner/ chief operator and the responsible owner to prevent chain of command issues.

- Educate new board members on their existing system management responsibilities. Promote training at board meeting would be appropriate.

- Encourage discussion among board members on the legal issues of being on the board. Insurance is expensive.

Prioritize Systems

- Consider enforcement priorities to prioritize systems.